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<b>Advisory Action</b>	Application No.	Applicant(s)
	09/097,035	KROM ET AL.
	Examiner D. R. Wilson	Art Unit 1713

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THE REPLY FILED 06 November 2000 FAILS TO PLACE THIS APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE. Therefore, further action by the applicant is required to avoid abandonment of this application. A proper reply to a final rejection under 37 CFR 1.113 may only be either: (1) a timely filed amendment which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a timely filed Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee); or (3) a timely filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114.

PERIOD FOR REPLY [check only a) or b)]

a)  The period for reply expires \_\_\_\_ months from the mailing date of the final rejection.  
b)  In view of the early submission of the proposed reply (within two months as set forth in MPEP § 707.07 (f)), the period for reply expires on the mailing date of this Advisory Action, OR continues to run from the mailing date of the final rejection, whichever is later. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of the final rejection.

Extensions of time may be obtained under 37 CFR 1.136(a). The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. The appropriate extension fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a) is calculated from: (1) the expiration date of the shortened statutory period for reply originally set in the final Office action; or (2) as set forth in (b) above, if checked. Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of the final rejection, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

1.  A Notice of Appeal was filed on 02 October 2000. Appellant's Brief must be filed within the period set forth in 37 CFR 1.192(a), or any extension thereof (37CFR 1.191(d)), to avoid dismissal of the appeal.

2.  The proposed amendment(s) will be entered upon the timely submission of a Notice of Appeal and Appeal Brief with requisite fees.

3.  The proposed amendment(s) will not be entered because:

(a)  they raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search. (see NOTE below);  
(b)  they raise the issue of new matter. (see Note below);  
(c)  they are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal; and/or  
(d)  they present additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.

NOTE: \_\_\_\_\_

4.  Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s): See attachment.

5.  Newly proposed or amended claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claim(s).

6.  The a) affidavit, b) exhibit, or c) request for reconsideration has been considered but does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: \_\_\_\_\_

7.  The affidavit or exhibit will NOT be considered because it is not directed SOLELY to issues which were newly raised by the Examiner in the final rejection.

8.  For purposes of Appeal, the status of the claim(s) is as follows (see attached written explanation, if any):

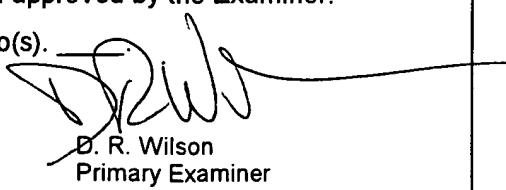
Claim(s) allowed: \_\_\_\_\_

Claim(s) objected to: \_\_\_\_\_

Claim(s) rejected: 1-4, 6-10, 13, 14 and 21.

Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration: 5, 11 and 12.

9.  The proposed drawing correction filed on \_\_\_\_\_ a) has b) has not been approved by the Examiner.

10.  Note the attached Information Disclosure Statement(s) ( PTO-1449) Paper No(s). 

11.  Other:

D. R. Wilson  
Primary Examiner  
Art Unit: 1713

**ADDITIONAL COMMENTS**

***Response to Proposed Amendment After Final***

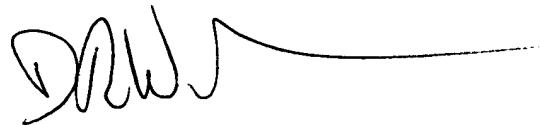
1. Applicant's proposed amendment filed November 6, 2000, after final rejection, has been fully considered with the following results.
2. The proposed amendment will enter upon the filing of an appeal brief, the outstanding objections to new matter, and rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first and second paragraph, will be withdrawn.
3. Applicant has not further traversed the prior art rejections which are therefore maintained.
4. It is noted that applicant did not repeat the cancellation of Claims 5 and 11-12 of the non-entered amendment of 8/21/00, Paper No. 10. Therefore they would not be cancelled upon filing of an appeal brief. However, a further amendment cancelling these claims if submitted with the appeal brief would also be entered.

***Future Correspondence***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to D. R Wilson whose telephone number is 703-308-2398.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Wu can be reached on 703-308-2450. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-872-9310 for regular communications and 703-892-9311 for After Final communications. The unofficial direct fax phone number to the Examiner's desk is 703-872-9029.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 308-2351.



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